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Shumaker denied \$250,000

Severance package frozen pending investigation of possible crimes

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

The University of Tennessee has frozen \$250,000 of the severance package due to former President John W. Shumaker.

State Comptroller John Morgan issued the results of an ongoing special audit into the business practices of Shumaker Thursday that finds he may have broken state laws by lying to auditors.

Morgan has delivered the report to Tennessee Attorney General Paul Summers and the Knox County District Attorney General for further action if either agency deems necessary.

Shumaker's attorneys seem to think that the audit is nothing more than a ploy for the state to get out of paying Shumaker his severance package.

The Tennessean reported on

Thursday that in a letter addressed to the co-chairmen of the Legislature's Fiscal Review Committee, Shumaker's attorney said that the state was trying to justify Tennessee's refusal to honor its promises and commitments.

"Unfortunately, the process appears not to be an audit, but instead an attempt to justify the state of Tennessee's apparent refusal to honor its promises and commitments to Dr. Shumaker," Shumaker's attorney, Wade Davies, was quoted to have said in The Tennessean.

UT interim President Joe Johnson also told reporters that he did not know what prompted the trustees to freeze the payments. The trustees are scheduled to meet today in Knoxville.

"If our Board of Trustees has questions and wants answers before releasing the dollars, I am

fully supportive of that," Johnson said in The Tennessean.

The Tennessean also reported that, according to an official familiar with the audit, the report looks into trips that Shumaker took to Birmingham, Ala., and other places that were not shown in the calendars turned over to the UT auditors.

The comptroller's audit is to be presented to a joint meeting of the Fiscal Review Committee and the Education Oversight Committee.

Rep. Les Winningham, chairman of the House Education Committee, told The Tennessean that he doesn't know what's coming. "I don't know what can of worms it will open. I hope we can clamp the lid down and move forward."

Shumaker also asked for reimbursements for hotel expenses incurred while at a conference in San Antonio, Texas, but later it



Shumaker

was shown that he actually shared a hotel room with his friend Carol Garrison, president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and also involved at the University of Louisville when Shumaker was there.

When Shumaker resigned in August, it was discovered that he had spent more than \$31,800 inappropriately, routinely failed to turn in receipts, overspent lodging allowances, received exemptions to university policies, and bought high-dollar items for his residence, which according to the Knoxville News Sentinel included a \$7,000 Persian rug, a \$4,822 gas grill, a \$7,431 entertainment center and a sun-room costing \$7,175.

The severance package that was originally to be granted to Shumaker totaled \$422,956.84. Of that, \$250,000 is funded by taxpayers, which is the amount the trustees froze.



STEPHEN YEARGIN / The Pacer

Gas leak forces evacuations

University Street was closed briefly Monday afternoon about 2:15 for a natural gas leak, Public Safety officials said.

Chief Rick Hatler said that a construction crew member accidentally struck a gas main while on the job at the Alumni Gymnasium.

The sound of leaking gas could be heard easily across the street at Gooch Hall.

Hatler said that because the wind was so strong Monday, the leaking gas would likely dissipate

long before it could cause problems.

He added that he didn't believe there was any danger to people behind the police line.

Both the football building and the alumni gym were evacuated.

Martin Public Works Department was also on the scene aiding in the repairs.

Public Safety vehicles blocked both ends of University Street at the intersection of Mt. Pelia and Moody Avenue.

— Stephen Yeargin

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Check the online edition next week

The Pacer will not be printing a print version next week in order to give our staff plenty of time to enjoy their fall break.

Check out the Pacer Online Editon next Wednesday, October 15 for the latest news and information.

We will be returning to regular printing the following Friday, October 24.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall break.

■ Cat concerns can't compute

Pacer readers sound off about Heidi Huse's column last week about the treatment of campus cats. Take a look.

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The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi led the way in an intense night of stepping at the NPHC Greek Step Show.

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The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho and the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha pulled off wins in this year's rope pull competition.

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■ Low attendance at Café House

SAC's Café House was few in performers, but great in talent. The Open Mic night took place in the UC Gameroom on Wednesday night. The next Café House will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the Gameroom.

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■ 'Spinning' tackles tough issues

Vanguard Theatre's production of *Spinning Into Butter* opened Thursday night in the Harriet Fulton Theatre. The play continues with performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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■ Long road to three-peat title

Volleyball team heads into tonight's match at Tennessee State with a 1-2 record for the week. Hopefully the 2002 OVC champs can get their spike back.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-Storms
High 80 Low 49	High 76 Low 47	High 78 Low 45	High 74 Low 39

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Hawks rock Eagles



University Relations

Senior DB Mikie Patton celebrates with his teammates following a rollercoaster thrill ride that ended in an overtime victory for the Skyhawks.

Overtime win turns heads nationwide

Amy Eddings
Associate News Editor

Four different losing streaks were ended in Saturday's homecoming game at Hardy M. Graham Stadium, when the UT Martin Skyhawks defeated the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles, 30-23, in overtime.

Not only was the four game losing streak the Skyhawks went into the game with ended, but so was the 43 game OVC losing streak, which dates back to 1996. Also broken was the seven-year losing streak to Tennessee Tech and the nine-year streak since the last time UTM won a homecoming game.

Saturday's contest started with Tennessee Tech jumping out to an early lead, scoring just two minutes into the first quarter. The score remained at 6-0 until halfway through the second quarter, when Tech tailback freshman Derek White rushed 87 yards for the touchdown. The point after touchdown was good,



University Relations

Sophomore QB Brady Wahlberg calls his own number on the OT touchdown run.

extra-point attempt by kicker Josh Foster.

After an early 23-yard field goal by Foster to bring he score to 23-7, the fourth quarter heroics by the

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UTM athlete faces charge of public intoxication

Candace Cooper
Managing Editor

Chris West
Associate News Editor

Injured UTM Skyhawk quarterback Brett Hall was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with underage consumption and public intoxication on UTM property. The arrest came within 30 hours after Hall was cited with a misdemeanor

after a violation of the drinking age law.

Hall, a heavily recruited freshman transfer from Illinois, was first given a misdemeanor citation at 1:45 a.m. Saturday morning at Cheers, a local bar and grill. According to a Martin Police Department report, Hall was involved in an altercation with another person. While speaking with Hall, a police



Hall

officer observed that he had been drinking and that he was only 20 years old. He was then issued a misdemeanor citation.

A UTM Department of Public Safety offense report obtained by The Pacer showed that at 6:10 a.m. Sunday, Hall was observed in the parking lot of the University Courts laundry asleep in the front seat of a red Ford Tempo.

The arresting officer attempted several times to wake Hall. Upon waking him, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and observed that Hall was very unsteady on his feet. Hall said that he had been drinking and was taken to the Weakley County Sheriff's Office, where he was arrested and held on \$1,000 bond. He was arraigned Monday morning in General Sessions Court.

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Editorial: UT may need woman at helm

We were pleased to read news reports that \$250,000 of former UT President John Shumaker's severance package has been frozen, however temporarily.

We were not surprised to learn that the results of a special audit show that Shumaker may have broken state law. Lying to auditors – my, my, isn't that ridiculous.

We also know, like everyone else in Tennessee involved – however indirectly – in this mess, that it is definitely time to move forward.

Having said that, we should also say that we were pleased to learn Thursday that Gov. Phil Bredesen rejected a list of names submitted by UT campuses for the search advisory council (a group that will advise the committee charged with searching for Shumaker's replacement) because all the individuals on the list are white males.

In this day and age, it is absolutely ludicrous to select a

group of people for such an important role and not have that group reflect the diversity we know exists within the UT system. We also believe that the inclusion of women and minorities on the advisory council, as well as on the search committee itself, is crucial to ensuring that a wider variety of candidates is considered in the search for a new UT president.

In fact, we will go so far as to suggest that stringent efforts should be made by the search committee to find strong female candidates, regardless of race. The UT system has had excellent past presidents, but the track records of the two most recent ones, J. Wade Gilley and John Shumaker, leave so much to be desired.

Women already have successfully led some UT system and Board of Regents schools. We believe it may be time to put a good woman at the helm in Knoxville.

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Poem for those who laugh at Iraq

This is the story that must be told
Of an Iraqi baby, not very old

Lying in her crib on a star-lit night
How could she know of those planes in flight?

She lies there quietly touching her nose
Watching her mobile, wiggling her toes

Oohing and cooing, so sweetly is she
Talking to someone, who could it be?

An angel is standing with her in the room.
The baby is smiling, unaware of her doom.

The crib starts to shake and the mobile goes round
Then suddenly comes the most deafening sound

The ceiling drops in, in a second or two...
On her crib so she ceases to coo....

No one knows how long she lies there
Who thought about it? Doesn't anyone care?

Is she alive? Is she dead? Is she in pain?
Now that you mention it, who knows her name?

Her name is Amel, in English we say Hope
Crushed between the rubble, her tiny fingers start to grope!

Where is my Mommy? I love her so dear.
Come get me Mommy! It's dark in here!

I'm scared and hungry and I can't see my feet,
There's blood in my mouth! Give me something to eat!

Where is Daddy? Where's my big brother?
It hurts when I breathe! Where is my mother?!

How long have I been here? Is this just a dream?
I open my mouth, but I can't even scream!

They appear again by my side.
This time with a tear I plead...Why have I died?

Am I alone in my suffering? NO, there are many others.
In our grief and misery, we are all sisters and brothers.

Who are we, I ask you.. for what crime did we die?
They're throwing a party! Doesn't anyone cry?!

Is it true? Am I nothing?! How could it be?
Don't they also have babies, just like me?

It is war they say, of which death is a part.
How blind they've become, how hardened of heart.

Did someone say hero? To whom they speak?
A victory claimed for killing the weak?!

Why are they happy? Why are they proud?
Don't they know that I'm cold in my burial shroud?!

No war has been won; no ifs, buts or maybes
For Saddam still lives: THEY'VE ONLY KILLED BABIES!!!

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Complaint on stray cats should have checked facts of the matter



Laura Knipp
Guest Columnist

Ms. Huse is apparently misinformed about several things with the regard to feral cats, raccoons, and the law. And she obviously misunderstands the intentions of this University and the UTM Physical Plant. So, I am writing this to inform you all of the facts about the things that she is questioning.

Fact #1: Feral cats serve as a reservoir for human and wildlife diseases, including cat scratch fever, distemper, histoplasmosis, leptospirosis, mumps, plague, rabies, ringworm, salmonellosis, toxoplasmosis, tularemia, and various endo- and ectoparasites.

Fact #2: Feral cats produce 2 to 10 kittens during any month of the year. An adult female may produce 3 litters per year where food and habitat are sufficient.

Fact #3: Cats are considered personal property if ownership can be established through collars, registration tags, tattoos, brands, or legal description and proof of ownership. Cats without identification are considered feral and are rarely protected under state law. They become the property of the landowner upon whose land they exist. Municipal and county animal control agencies, humane animal shelters, and various other public and private "pet" management agencies exist because of feral or unwanted house cats and dogs. These agencies destroy millions of stray cats annually.

Fact #4: Feral cats feed extensively on songbirds, game birds, mice and other rodents, rabbits, and other wildlife. In doing so, they lower the carrying capacity of an area for native predators such as foxes, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, and other animals that compete for the same food base.

Fact #5: Exclusion by fencing, repairing windows, doors, and plugging holes in buildings is often a practical way of eliminating cat predation and nuisance. Old buildings should be sealed and holes under foundations plugged.

Fact #6: Supplemental feeding of feral or free-roaming house

cats will probably have little effect in reducing their depredations on songbirds and other wildlife. Even well-fed cats will often bring home a small prey they have caught and proudly display it to their owners without eating it. Laboratory studies suggest that hunger and hunting are controlled by separate neurological centers in the cat brain, so the rate of predation is not affected by the availability of cat food.

Fact #7: Other registered eliminating methods for feral cats are trapping and shooting.

Fact #8: Raccoons are protected furbearers in most states, with seasons established for running, hunting, or trapping. Most states (including TN), however, have provisions for landowners to control furbearers that are damaging their property.

Fact #9: TN Code 1660-1-21 (2a)--Permit holders are authorized to use chemicals, traps, firearms, and other methods for nuisance animals as approved by EPA, USDA, TWRA, local municipalities, and other authoritative agencies as applicable. UT Martin has a permit.

TN Code 1660-1-21 (2b)-- No permit holder may use control methods which may pose a threat to the health and safety of humans, domestic animals or other non-target wildlife. Feral cats are NOT domestic animals.

Fact #10: Exclusion, if feasible, is usually the best method of coping with raccoon damage. This also includes sealing buildings.

Fact #11: Shooting and trapping are other methods of dealing with raccoon problems.

So, let's review the facts when we question the authorities in this matter. We should not be harassing the UTM Physical Plant in their choice of handling this situation. We should be thanking them instead. And to let you all know, after the buildings are sealed, LIVE traps-not lethal traps--are set inside of these locations. They are baited with popcorn, sardines, etc. The animals are caught and relocated. And the trapping of these animals is done late at night-because the animals are more nocturnal than not. And how do I know this?? Because I have helped in this process.

Keep up the good work UTM Physical Plant.

Laura Knipp is a graduate assistant in Agricultural Operations Management from Martin.

More terror info by Argo

Letter to the Editor:

As a non-traditional adult returning to college, I appreciate Mr. Walters lack of experience and knowledge about the real world.

G.W. Bush is an aristocrat which means he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Pres. Bush II has not had to worry about a roof over his head or where his next meal may or may not come from.

There is terrorism in many forms all over the globe. Here are some examples:

- 1) Enslavement of Christians in Sudan.
- 2) Infanticide practiced by India and China to "control the population."
- 3) Monopolies such as Microsoft, Wal-Mart, and

Mobil/Exxon to drive out competition and eliminate jobs.

4) The British Government that lets the Windsor Family be tax-free while economic development is at a standstill.

G. W. Bush may have been a good choice, but the different party nominees have their websites on the internet and their names on the ballot. Pat Buchanan, in my opinion, was the best choice for President in 2000 because he understands global infrastructures and political thinking; whether it is good, bad, or indifferent.

Perhaps a trip through the darkness will allow this nation to see and know the light. (Jesus Christ).

Tommy Argo is a sophomore FCS major from Idlewild.

Feral response to Huse

Letter to the Editor:

A technical writing professor wants us to know that "in all likelihood" some cats were trapped underneath the crawlspaces of the Holland McCombs Center, and that the Physical Plant administration and management "apparently" don't care. I think a technical writing professor should take the time and effort to contact those responsible in order to replace her uncertainties with facts before going on a rampage.

A student worker informed me that it was Ms. Huse who let the cats under the crawlspace in the first place. Thus, what started out as about four stray cats around Crisp Hall a couple years ago have multiplied into at least twenty stray cats around various campus buildings.

I find it unconscionable that a self-described animal advocate would perpetuate the stray problem. Had the crawlspaces been sealed at the beginning, there

would only be about four cats in need of a home...and judging by how many people would try to call the cats to them on a given day, finding homes for the cats wouldn't have been an issue.

Twenty or more cats is a different story. Now some of those cats will probably die in a pound or shelter that can't afford to continue feeding them and can't find enough people who want a cat.

Sealing those crawlspaces was not inhumane for the same reason that spaying/neutering your pet is not inhumane, and euthanizing a suffering animal is not inhumane.

No, Ms. Huse, you're not the only person on this campus who cares about the cats. You're just the only one ignorant enough to ignore the fact that when given the opportunity, stray cats breed more stray cats.

Earl Hassett is a Management Information Systems major from Clarksville.

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Campus cops, racism form focus of opinion

Jason Renner
Guest Columnist

I would like to respond to the people who have submitted opinions about the actions of the UTM police officers during the night of Aug. 22 of this year.

First, let me make a few things clear. One, I work for the Department of Public Safety. Two, this is my opinion and my opinion alone. I am not speaking for anyone but myself when I write this. Three, I am white, I say this only in respect to the fact that this has been deemed a “racial issue” and I will not hide myself behind anonymity or the false pretense of being morally justified. I feel the need to say these things in order that my words are better understood.

Having read the previously printed articles, I feel the need to respond to both Mr. Milan’s volume 76, issue 4 and Mr. Broussard’s volume 76, issue 5 at the same time. In those two articles, many issues were presented, but solutions were few and far between. The main issues that I saw were as follows: on campus employment of minorities, exclu-

sion of African-American movies at Cine movie theatre, groups of minority students drawing officers, harassment by officers and officers using pepper spray at the UC incident.

The complaint about there not being enough on-campus employment for minority students is simple - it is not the fact that there are no jobs, it is the fact that there are no good jobs on-campus. I should know, I work here. In the department that I work in I see new people, both black and white, coming and going all the time. This tells me that there are jobs to be had for those who really need the work. I had to take an almost five dollar an hour pay cut from the job I had in my hometown when I came here, but I need the money so I do the work.

The second issue about the movies is more of a problem with production than with population, a good question to start with is, how many African-American movies are currently in theatres anywhere?

According to Blackfilm.com (a Web site supporting African-American films and filmmakers)

there are two: *The Rundown* and *The Fighting Temptations*. Of these two movies, only *The Fighting Temptations* has a predominately African-American cast. *The Rundown*’s only African-American character is The Rock; the cast is otherwise fairly white. For the purpose of this argument, and what I seem to think Mr. Milan’s view of an African-American movie is, we’ll say that there is one movie that is targeted, and therefore more truly, an African-American movie; that movie being *The Fighting Temptations*.

I’m no movie critic, so I will not debate whether or not this movie is worth seeing, but how many times are you willing to go see the same movie just so that Cine will show the only African-American movie on the market?

Remember the movie Chicago, which won several Academy Awards? How long did it stay at Cine? One week, because no one went to see it and it wasn’t worth the cost to keep showing it.

I see the last three issues (minority groups drawing officers, harassment, use of pepper spray) really as a single issue - police minority relations.

Working for Public Safety allows me a very good vantage point from which to see this issue. I see not only what happens to the minorities, but also what happens to white students. I don’t know the precise numbers, but I hear a far greater number of complaints and violations about the white fraternities (some more than others) then I ever hear about the black fraternities. I work at night on various days of the week, so I am privy to any number of noise violations, public drunkenness, suspicious person calls and nine times out of ten it will be a white person we are told to look for.

To set the record straight about the UC incident, the officer was checking on the party. The officer was simply doing a walk-through, as he would have for any other function. The pepper spray would never have been employed had the fighting parties stopped when asked.

The bystanders would never have been effected by the pepper spray had they left when asked. Pepper spray is not an exact weapon. It is, as the name implies, a spray. Once it is

sprayed, the officers have no control over who is affected by it. All that is a moot point, however, due to the fact that had there been no fight, there would have been no pepper spray used. Blame the fighting parties, not the officers, because without them it never would have happened.

In regards to harassment, I feel it pertinent to reprint a section of Mr. Broussard’s article. “I believe I was harassed by an officer on my daily walk to class. In my opinion, this officer showed no patience and no professionalism. It seemed that he attempted to embarrass me in front of my peers by placing me in his car in front of Cooper Hall because I did not run to a sidewalk when he yelled at me to move. Or maybe I was singled out because I was wearing an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. t-shirt. Another reason could be because I do not fear him.” So let me get this straight. You were obviously in the road (within easy access of a sidewalk) when asked to move you did not do so in a timely manner.

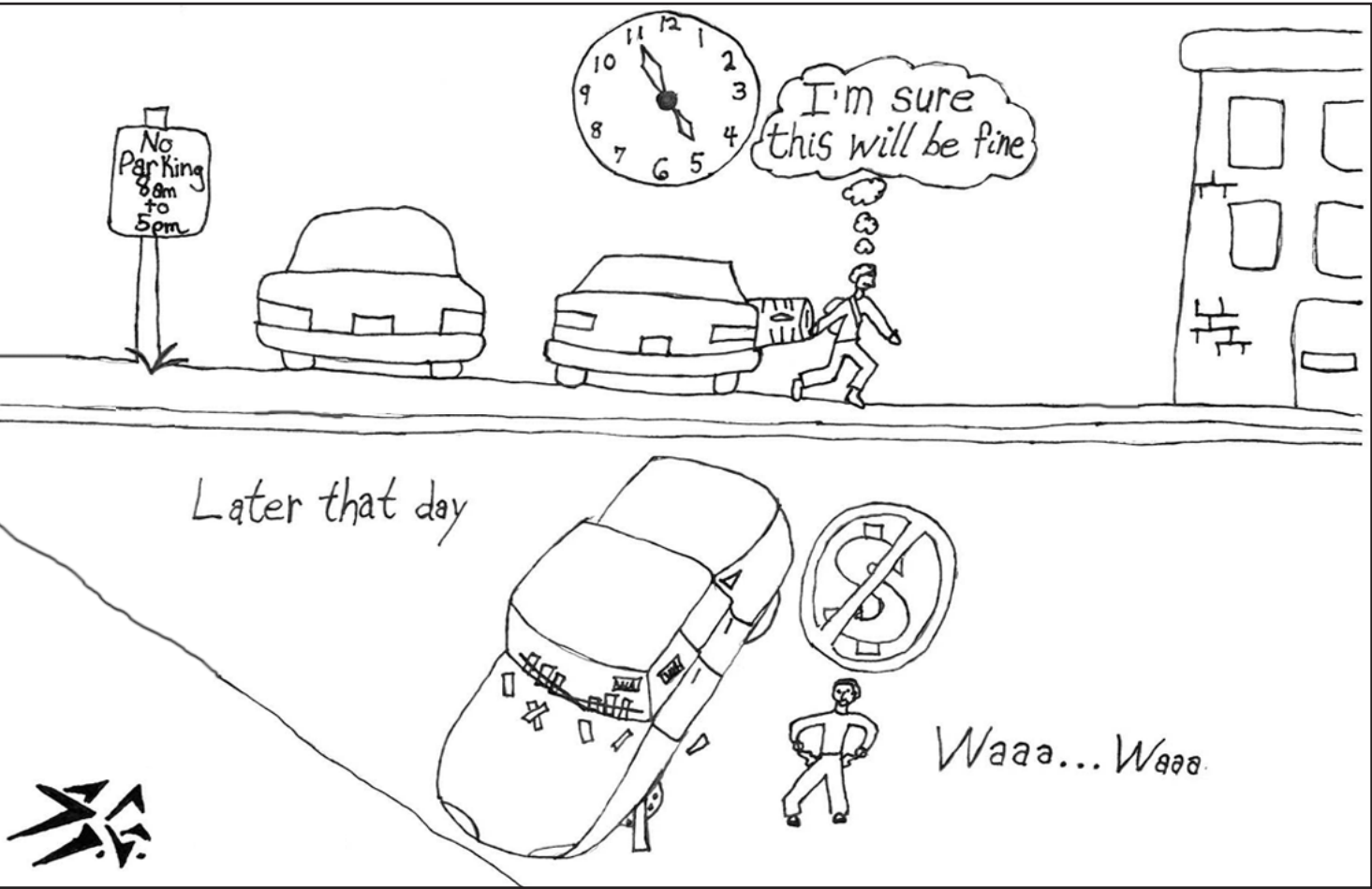
Well, I’ll assume you weren’t

arrested or anything like that (you didn’t specify), so you are angry because he put you in the back of his car “in front of your peers.”” As I recall, this incident happened at 8:50 a.m.. How many of your “peers” are just hanging out in front of Cooper at that time of the morning?

Last time I checked a policeman’s motto wasn’t “Protect, Serve and be feared by guys wearing Omega Psi Phi shirts,” so all I have to say is this: get over yourself. No one said you have to fear cops, but you should respect them.

These officers get paid far too little for all they do for this school and for all the crap they put up with on the side. You might say I wouldn’t understand what it was like to be a cop because you don’t have the decency to see them as people. You only see the badge and isn’t that a lot like only seeing a color?

Jason Renner is a sophomore biology major from Fairview.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Alpha Gamma Rho and Zeta Tau Alpha win rope pull

Erika Jacobsen
Staff Writer

Friday, Oct. 3 was the final day of Rope Pull. The winners of the 2003 Rope Pull competition were the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha and the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. Following in second place were the sisters of Chi Omega and the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Homecoming week is a busy time and there are many activities that the students and community of Martin can attend.

One of the most popular events is Rope Pull, and many of the students come out every year to see the event. Rope Pull is a competition where fraternities and sororities sit in holes that are dug into the ground and, for a certain period of time, depending on whether it is for the fraternities or the sororities, pull in a "tug-of-war" fashion. The rope is marked with black tape and starts out in the middle of the two sides, which is divided by a thin line of string. The goal is to have the taped portion of the rope on your side of the line at the end of the pull.

All of the fraternities and sororities participate in this event every year for the first place trophy.

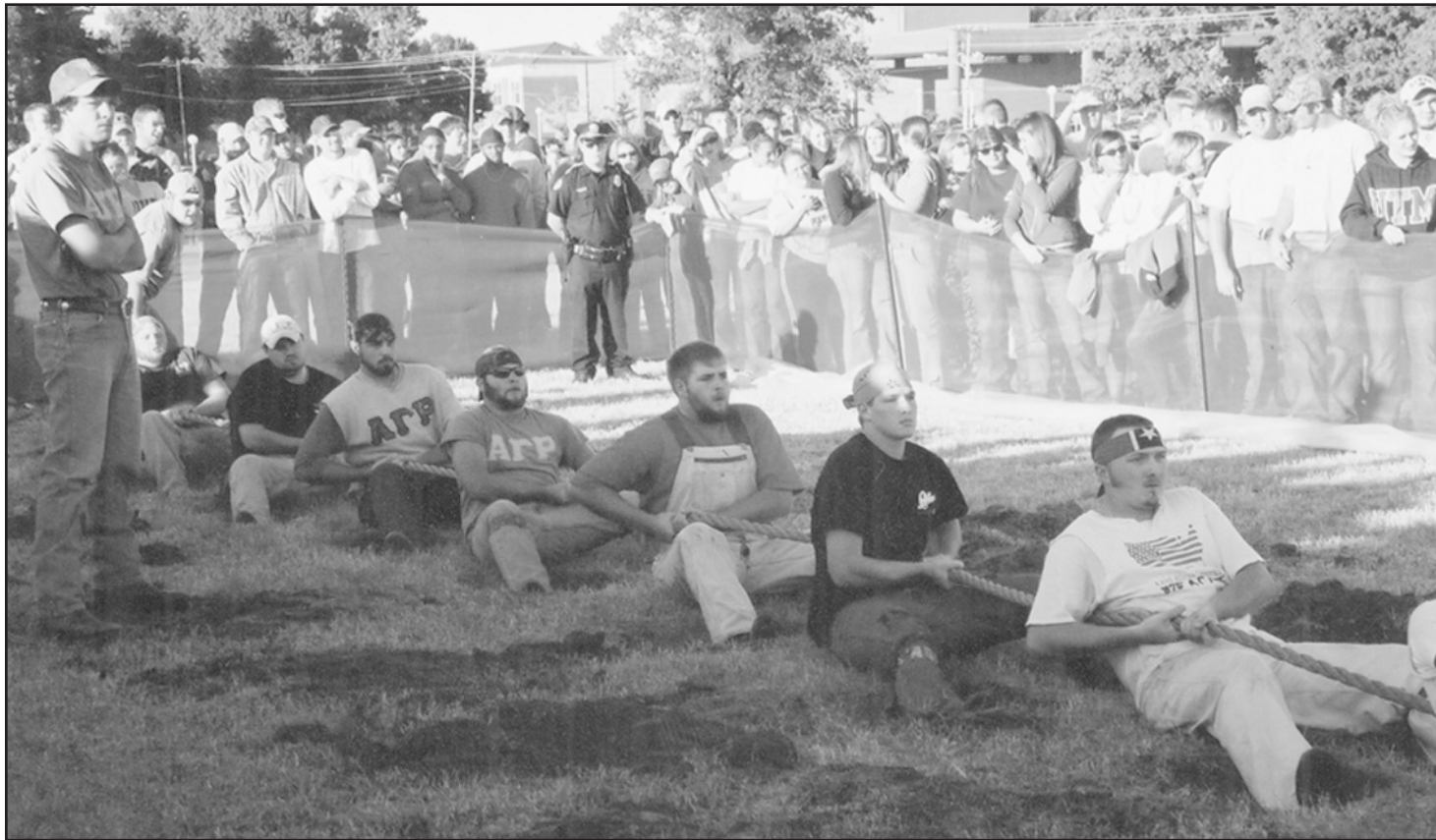
This year there were two new teams that pulled in the sorority division; Zeta Phi Beta and Delta Sigma Theta.

The pulls began on Monday with randomly selected teams pulling against each other for a spot in the championships.

After a week of tough matches, the Rope Pull championships were underway on Friday, Oct. 3. Rope Pull started with the preliminary consolation matches to determine the third and fourth place winners.

The first pull was against Kappa Alpha Order and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After 25 minutes, the brothers of SAE proved victorious for third place with KA winning fourth.

Following that pull was the consolation match for the ladies between Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Omicron Pi. The ladies pull lasted 10 minutes and the winners were the sisters of AOPi for third and ADPi for fourth.



- CONTRIBUTED BY ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho compete in this year's rope pull, finishing first in the fraternity division. The final pull for the AGRs was against the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Kappa Alpha Psi wins Step Show

Carin Malone
Staff Writer

There were more than 200 people present in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse on Saturday, Oct. 4 for this year's NPHC Greek Step Show.

This year's step show featured three groups in the sorority division and four groups in the fraternity division. Each performance kept both the audience and the judges anticipating every second of the show. As time passed, the only sound that could be heard was that of every person in the building.

The groups entertained each other, as well as the audience, with numerous of line dances, as they waited patiently for the judges to tally up the scores.

Finally, after a long night of spectacular performances, the audience became silent and the winners were announced. The men of Kappa Alpha Psi and the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta from the were named the 2003 NPHC Greek Step Show winners.

"It feels great. This is the third show we have stepped in in the last five years and this is our second first place win. It

feels really good. We prayed before and after every practice and we believed in ourselves," said Zeta Phi Beta member Jihan Tucker, a senior political science major from Nashville.

"Our victory makes me feel very happy and proud. We sacrificed all we had and our performance was a good way to get our name back out there in a positive way. Now we're going to try to build onto that victory and do some more positive things on the yard," said Kappa Alpha Psi vice president Johnny Moore, a senior education major from Memphis.



-CONTRIBUTED BY KAPPA ALPHA PSI

ADPi needs your winter clothes

Neena Shetsky
Alpha Delta Pi
Correspondent

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi will be holding their annual Diamond Daze events Nov. 10-14.

A clothing drive will be held throughout the week to benefit We Care Ministries.

Alpha Delta Pi encourages students to clean out their closets over fall break and bring back with them any winter clothes they would like to donate.

We Care will give all the donated winter clothing to Martin citizens that are less privileged than others.

At the end of the week, clothing will be weighed and the organization with the most donations will be awarded cash prizes.

"This clothing drive is a wonderful way to give back to the Martin community," said ADPi president Candace Hastings.

On Nov. 12, ADPi will hold their second annual chili cook-off.

Organizations can enter the chili cook-off in teams of five members with a small entry fee of \$20.

Chili will be judged by Alpha Delta Pi members plus UTM faculty and staff. The chili will be based on texture and overall taste. Chili plates will also be served for only \$5.

All the proceeds from the cook-off will benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the chefs with the best chili recipes.

Cash prizes will be given to first and second place winners of the cook-off. The prizes are to go towards a philanthropy or organization of the winner's choice.

"We hope to raise as much money as we possibly can for the Ronald McDonald House. The money goes for a wonderful cause," said Diamond Daze chair Candace Garmany.

Ronald McDonald House Charities have been Alpha Delta Pi's national philanthropy since 1979. Over the past 24 years, ADPi has donated over \$2 million to this amazing organization.

Ronald McDonald Houses operate in 16 countries and provide comfort, care and a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals.

The sisters of ADPi invite everyone in Martin and the surrounding area to come out and donate their old winter clothes as well as join them in their Diamond Daze Chili Cook-Off.

If you have any questions, just ask any ADPi you see.

Alpha Tau Omega and Chi Omega win first in pyramid

Erika Jacobsen
Staff Writer

The 2003 Pyramid competition took place at 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3 in the Tom and Kathy Elam Center.

The first place winners were Chi Omega for the sorority division and Alpha Tau Omega in the fraternity division. First runners up were the Pi Kappa Alpha and the Alpha Omicron Pi. The second runner up for the fraternity division was Alpha Gamma Rho. Best of show went to the Chi Omegas and the ATOs.

Pyramid takes place every year as part of the UTM Homecoming activities. Pyramid consists of dancing choreographed routines to different songs, cheers and, pyramid building. It is a combination of cheerleading and dance rolled into one.

This year was an exciting Pyramid competition. All of the fraternities and sororities came out to participate and every show was full of energy and well put together. Every fraternity and sorority included cheers, dancing and pyramids in their routines.

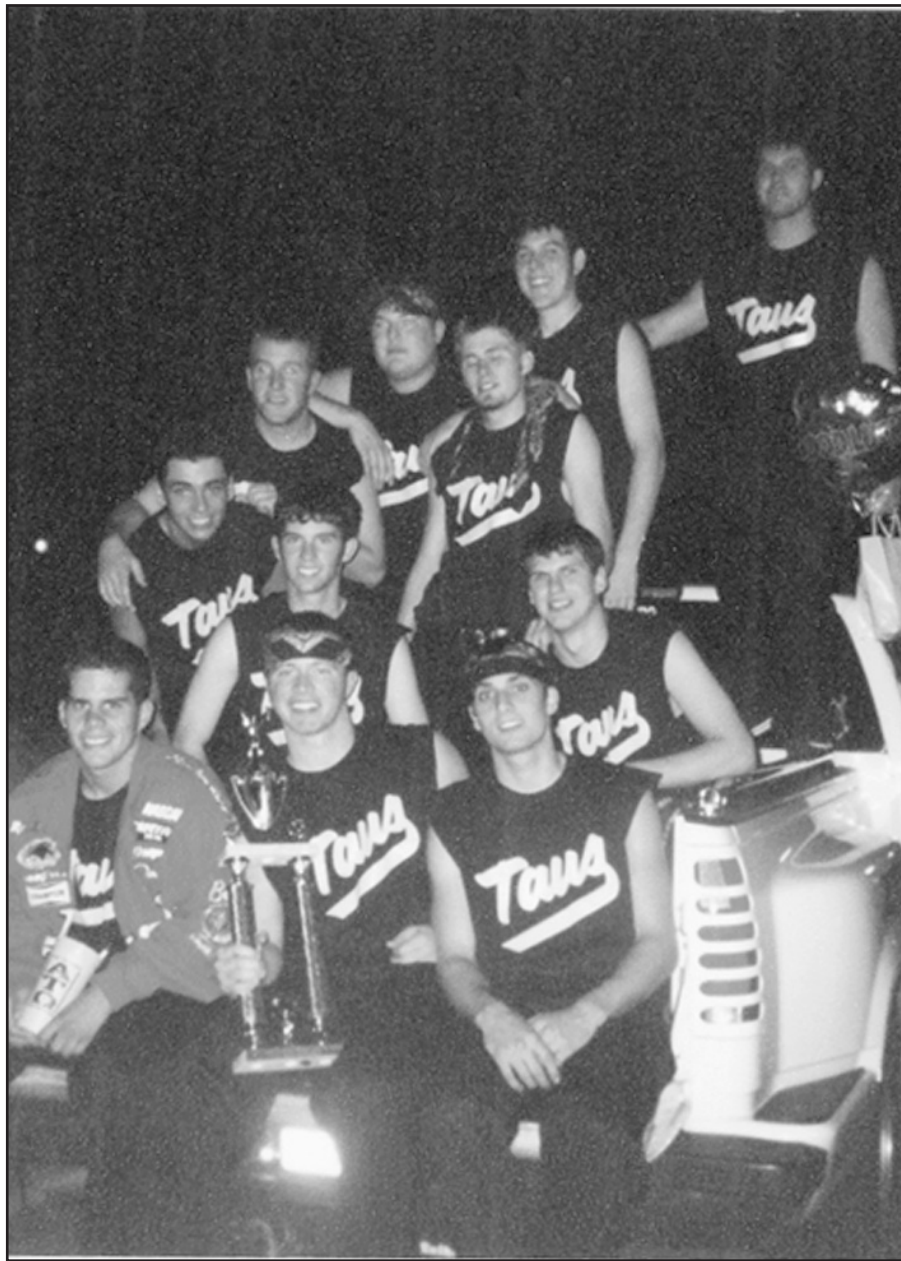
The fraternities started out with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Sig Ep came out wearing jeans and white t-shirts with maroon sleeves and eagles on the front. They included flips and somersaults in their routine and danced to such songs as *We Will Rock You*, *Low Rider* and *I Love Rock and Roll*. They built pyramids that were difficult and crowd pleasing.

Next up were the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega. Wearing black pants and black shirts with the word 'Taus' written in gold on their chest, they came out full of energy. They built pyramids that consisted of tossing people in the air. They cheered and danced to songs like *Without Me*, *Shake Ya Tailfeather* and *Let Me Ride That Donkey Donkey*.

Up next were AGR in khaki shorts and orange t-shirts with 'AGR' written in black. Their pyramids consisted of flips and jumps in the air. They danced to songs like *Leavin'* and *Ain't No Where to Run*. One of their dances included line dancing steps which had the crowd excited.

After a brief intermission came the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha. They came out wearing black pants and black long sleeved shirts with silver ties. They topped off the ensemble with a black fedora hat.

The Pikes did some UTM cheers and danced to songs including *Pop*, *Smells Like*



CONTRIBUTED BY ALPHA TAU OMEGA

The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega pose with their first place trophy. The ATO chapter took first place in the pyramid competition this year. ATO performed to songs such as *Shake Ya Tailfeather*.

Teen Spirit, and *Girls Don't Like Boys Girls Like Cars and Money*. They included some steps into their dance routine. Their pyramids were a variety of air tosses and flips, which also included a pyramid that spelled out IKA, which had the crowd on their feet.

Next up were the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon wearing black pants and blue button up shirts. They did some

UTM cheers and then danced to songs like *Pony*, *Magic Stick* and *P.I.M.P.* The pyramids were complicated air tosses and building. They received a great reaction from the crowd. At the end of their pyramid routine, they stripped off their blue shirts which revealed black t-shirts with 'SAE' written in white on the front that received cheers from the crowd.

Last but certainly not least were the

brothers of Kappa Alpha Order. Wearing khaki pants and black polo shirts, they danced to songs including *Shake Ya Tailfeather*, *We Built This City*, *We Ride Spinners* and *Dixie Land Delight*. The KAs did a line dance to *Dixie Land Delight*, which is considered the KA song.

After some exciting pyramids and some more dancing, there were four KAs that took off the black polo shirts and one shirt had 'UTM' printed on the front in UTM colors, one shirt had 'KA' printed in red and gold, one shirt had the United States flag and the last shirt had the Tennessee flag.

After an intermission that had the UTM cheerleaders and the Martin Middle School cheerleaders entertained and astonished the crowd, it was the sororities turn to come and wow the crowd with their stunts, flips and tosses.

After the intermission, the sorority division began with the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi.

They came out wearing blue and silver pants and blue and silver one-shoulder tops. The pyramids were tall and showed off the flexibility of the girls.

The dancing routine was a crowd pleaser and some of the songs that ADPi danced to were *Crazy*, *Dirty* and *Miss Independent*.

Next in the competition were the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi wearing black pants and black tops with sheer sleeves and 'AOIP' in red on the front.

They also had black hats with red sparkle trim to top off the outfit. The pyramids showed flexibility and strength in their height and difficulty. The AOIPs danced to songs such as *Crazy* and *Dirty*.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha were up next and came out wearing black pants and an iridescent rainbow colored sleeveless top with a silver glove on their right hands. Dancing to songs including *Cherry Pie*, *Glad*, *Crazy* and *Sweet Home Alabama*, the girls had the crowd cheering. Energy and flexibility was evident in the pyramids.

Last up for the sorority division was the sisters of Chi Omega. Coming out in black pants with a red and yellow stripe down the sides and black tops with red and yellow stripes on the sleeves and 'Chi O' on the front, the girls started out with a high energy dance routine.

The Chi Omegas danced to songs like *Girls*, *Girls, Girls*, *Shake Ya Tailfeather* and *Do That Thing*. The pyramids and UTM cheers had the crowd clapping with enthusiasm.

Scientists, students make ‘progress’

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Complex science stories aren’t making it to the pages of the nation’s newspapers and airwaves not because of the lack of achievement, but because of misunderstandings between journalists and the scientists they interview.

These were the findings of the “Science and the Media” panel discussion, sponsored by the UTM student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and held at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in 316 Gooch.

Drs. Jeff Rogers, Michael Gibson, Mark Simpson and Lionel Crews of the Department of Geology, Geography and Physics, along with Professor Emeritus Tom McCutchen, served on the panel.

Each panelist presented a lecture on a variety of topics, from reductionism, the notion of removing key information just to fill space, to pseudo-science, a classification of “science” that relies heavily on sensationalized ideas and little basis on facts.

Gibson, a professor of

Geology, said that one of the reasons scientists do not talk to journalists is that they often “are fearful for how the interview will be translated into the media and really don’t always want to deal with it; hence, it is much easier to be too busy to deal with.

“Reporters want quotes/sound bites that are definitive and authoritative. Scientists are people with ‘work in progress’ – there is rarely ever a final stage – so the prospect of having to make that definitive conclusionary statement puts us on shaky ground,” Gibson said.

Rogers, associate professor of Geography and interim department chair, agreed that many of his colleagues were hesitant to talk to reporters because “names or key terms may be spelled incorrectly, the reporter has missed the main points of your research that you had emphasized during the interview, or the reporter has trivialized or sensationalized the topic.

“After being disappointed like this several times, you really wonder if it is worth the time to help journalists who just do not follow through with a good piece of

work,” Rogers said.

“I enjoyed the evening and was impressed by the comments and questions posed by the students,” Rogers added.

Crews, an assistant professor of Physics, said that many scientists are hesitant to talk to reporters because of fear of the “overexposure” phenomenon experienced by politicians or other public figures.

“Many [scientists] are afraid of ‘going out on a limb.’ It is easy to make a mistake, and if it is published, it is harder to retract. For that reason, science journals are peer-reviewed. Someone familiar with your field will read your article and make suggestions before it is ever printed,” Crews said.

“Science is about slow, steady progress. There are truly very few ‘eureka’ moments. Some may think that what they are actually studying is boring or hard to understand for the general populace,” Crews added.

SPJ plans to continue working with the science disciplines on various ideas that came up during the forum, as well as sponsor more speakers this year.

HHP plans Health Awareness Day, Million Mile Marathon fundraiser

The UTM Sport Management class, in the Department of Health and Human Performance, in conjunction with the UTM Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, is hosting a St. Jude’s Research Hospital fundraiser with a health awareness component.

The Million Mile Marathon will consist of participants walking the first 25 miles on their own, at their own pace. Participants will have family, friends and co-workers pledge a dollar amount for each mile completed.

At 3 p.m. Nov. 19, all Million Mile Marathon participants will meet at the front of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center to walk the final mile of the marathon together. Immediately following the walk, there will be a reception with door prizes, thank-you gifts, and awards. Also on Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the UTM Department of Health and Human Performance will host a Health Awareness Day in the UC.

The events are planned partly to honor Emily Miller, a former UTM soccer player who has been diagnosed with cancer and is a St. Jude’s patient.

Miller grew up playing soccer in Collierville, just like many other little girls. But Miller became an extraordinary young woman while playing soccer at UTM. Miller is not ranked in the nation for goals, she may not have even scored a goal in her college career, but the effect she has had on the soccer team and many other people is everlasting.

Miller was affectionately nicknamed “mom.” She was the first to bring cold medicine when someone could not get out of bed. She always made sure her

teammates were eating enough. Her coach could never leave the locker room without Miller making sure the coach’s shirt, belt and shoes all matched.

Miller was a unique asset to the Skyhawk soccer team. She attended every game, not knowing where or how much she was going to play. She was the epitome of the “utility” player, playing at almost every position. She worked hard and motivated the team, both on the field and off.

All who know her were devastated when Miller was diagnosed with bone cancer. The woman who never drank and never smoked now had something foreign in her body. Now she needed others to take care of her. In her continued fight with cancer, Miller remains positive. The doctors at St. Jude said the fact that she is so healthy makes her fight against cancer much easier.

On behalf of Miller and other St. Jude patients, students are asked to participate in efforts to increase health awareness by attending Health Awareness Day and participating in the Million Mile Marathon.

Registration for the Million Mile Marathon will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in front of the Elam Center. Registration will continue online or by phone until Nov. 12.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Health and Human Performance Web site at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ed/physed/physed.htm> . You can also register via e-mail at mmmarathon2003@yahoo.com or by phone by calling the Department of Health and Human Performance at 587-7310.

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Zeta Tau Alpha

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha will be sponsoring “Walk for the Cure” at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in front of Paul Meek Library.

Goldwater Scholarship

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program awards undergraduate scholarships up to \$7,500 per year to outstanding students pursuing a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.

An applicant must be a current full-time sophomore or junior pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a high grade point average and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or U.S. national. Detailed information is available on the Web at www.act.org/goldwater. Students should contact William Zachry, the Goldwater Scholarship adviser, by Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Honors Programs office, 15 McCombs Center, for brochures and application forms.

Student Dietetic Association

The Student Dietetic Association will meet at noon Wednesday, Oct. 22, in 343 Gooch to discuss Christmas cookbooks, organizing community projects and electing officers. SDA members are asked to bring recipes and money for pizza.

Law schools visit UTM

The two state law schools, the UT College of Law and the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, at the University of Memphis, will visit campus Thursday, Oct. 23. It will begin at 3 p.m. in 229 UC. The Admissions office will give an orientation, followed by individual advising.

This is the only such visit this academic year.

Mathematics competitions

Two free mathematics competitions are coming up and are open to those interested in mathematics.

The first competition is the Virginia Tech Regional Mathe-

matics Contest. It begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Compete and win small monetary prizes. For more information on this contest, visit www.math.vt.edu/-events/competitions/Vtregional/-info.html.

The second competition is the Putnam Exam. It will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

For some sample exams, visit <http://math.scu.edu/putnam/index.html> or www.unl.edu/-activities/a7-problems/putnam.

For more information, contact Dr. Chris Caldwell at 7336 or caldwell@utm.edu.

Pacer

If you are interested in writing for the Pacer, the next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in 316 Gooch.

Society of Professional Journalists

The next Society of Professional Journalists meeting will be immediately following the Pacer meeting Thursday, Oct. 23, in 316 Gooch. This meeting is open to everyone.

Dessert Evening

The 10th Annual Dessert Evening will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Fine Arts Building Gallery. Members of the University Singers and the New Pacer Singers will perform a variety of musical selections. At three different times during the event, desserts will be served. Tickets are \$15 for each performance and proceeds benefit the choral program. All ticket sales are in advance. Tickets are available in 102 Fine Arts, or call the music office at 587-7402.

Campuswide Career Day

A campuswide Career Day will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the UC. For more information, contact Employment Information Services, 215 UC.

Paul Meek Library Media Services

The Media Services Department of the library would like to announce that the loan rules have been expanded to a three-day circulation period. It was recently decided by the library faculty and staff to expand the student circulation period to a full three days with no renewals.

Gamma Beta Phi

Members of Gamma Beta Phi are selling discount cards for \$5. These cards are good until Aug. 31, 2004, and can be used at 15 businesses around Martin. To purchase a card, ask any Gamma Beta Phi member.

Skyhawk Dancers

The UTM Skyhawk Marching Band is creating a new dance team, “The UTM Skyhawk Dancers” for the 2004 season. The group will perform with the marching band at home games and exhibitions. Students with previous dance experience interested in joining should contact Alix Miller Gausline by e-mail at apmiller@utm.edu. Auditions will be held late this fall.

Study guides available

The office of Counseling and Career Services has study guides for the GRE, LSAT, MCAT and other graduate admissions exams. Pick up guides in 213 UC.

UPCOMING CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Wackenhut Services Inc. – Monday, Oct. 20. Positions: Security Police Officers. Degree: Criminal Justice. Location: Oak Ridge. For more information, contact Employment Information Services, 215 UC.

Want free publicity for your organization? Submit it via our Web site at <http://pacer.utm.edu> or by e-mail at pacer_news@mars.utm.edu.

POLICE REPORT

Monday, Sept. 29
9:40 a.m., Off Campus-South

Secretary at the UTM Center in Jackson received an unwanted phone call. Referred to Jackson Police Department.

Monday, Sept. 29
11:45 a.m., Browning Hall

Student reported her bike stolen. Investigation continued until bike was recovered by owner.

Monday, Sept. 29
2:14 p.m., University Courts

Student caught her curtains on fire while burning a candle. Fire was extinguished and no other damage was done.

Monday, Sept. 29
8:31 p.m., Elam Center

Student injured an ankle while participating in intramural games and was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
12:22 a.m., Ellington Hall

Marijuana was found in the hallway of Ellington Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
12:50 p.m., Paul Meek Library

Textbooks reported missing. Investigation continues.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
1:24 p.m., Crisp Hall

Six to eight very small bottles of Tabasco sauce were reported stolen from an office. Investigation continues.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
3:24 p.m., Lot 9-McCord Hall

A student reported damage to his car radio antenna.

Thursday, Oct. 2
12:45 a.m., Ellington Hall

A student reported his bike stolen from the Ellington Hall area. Investigation continues.

Thursday, Oct. 2
11:17 a.m., UTM Campus

A staff member reported a university key missing. Investigation continues.

Thursday, Oct. 2
12:02 p.m., Lot 9-McCord Hall

A student reported parking stickers stolen. Investigation continues.

Thursday, Oct. 2
3:06 p.m., University Center

A student was experiencing a fast heart rate and shortness of breath. She was transported to the hospital for exam/treatment.

Thursday, Oct. 2
8:58 p.m., Elam Center

A student fell and dislocated her ankle. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Friday, Oct. 3
11:06 p.m., Elam Center

A student reported the theft of her bicycle. Investigation continues.

Friday, Oct. 3
11:48 p.m., University Courts

Assisted the Martin Police Department with the arrest of a student. Student was charged with possession of Schedule VI with intent to resell. General Sessions Court.

Saturday, Oct. 4
12:39 p.m., McCord Hall

A student with pain in her ear was transported to the hospital for exam/treatment.

Saturday, Oct. 4
2:03 p.m., Lot 1-Stadium

An accident involving a Sodexo truck hitting a railing at the football stadium. Report is on file.

Sunday, Oct. 5
1:34 a.m., Phi Sigma Kappa

The Phi Sig homecoming float was on fire. The fraternity president was issued a citation for burning without a permit. Martin City Court.

Sunday, Oct. 5
6:08 a.m., University Courts

Two students were charged with underage drinking and public intoxication. Both were jailed at Weakley County Sheriff’s Office. General Sessions Court.

Public Safety Report is provided by the Department of Public Safety at UTM. All items on the public safety report are considered public record. DPS can be contacted at 587-7777.

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October 13

7:30 p.m. Watkins

Vanguard tackles racial issues

Steve Helgeson
Opinions Editor

Vanguard Theatre's current production leads the audience through a complicated maze of racial themes and problems, leaving them *Spinning Into Butter*.

Directed by Ken Zimmerman, Rebecca Gilman's *Spinning Into Butter* slowly grows into a deep and unusually honest examination of racism on a small, mostly white, college campus in Vermont. With each scene, the play gains gravity, building into an undeniable glimpse into the problems of political correctness, half-hearted attempts to address race on the college scene and all of our natural impulses towards racism and towards its denial.

The seriousness of Vanguard's latest production doesn't cover up its oftentimes comical moments. The audience on opening night laughed out loud and watched in silence while listening to soliloquies on the "collective sigh of white guilt" at your typical 'race forum.' The play doesn't shy away from these uncomfortable topics, rather it delves into them from a fresh perspective that you can't help being drawn into.

Lead by the exceptional acting of freshman Jennifer Horbert, who plays the torn role of Dean of Students Sarah Daniels, the cast comes together to form a believable group of white members of the college 'establishment.' The portrayal of Ross Collins by Jonathan Roos comes



Courtesy of University Relations

Michael James and Jennifer Hornbelt during a rehearsal for Vanguard Theatre's production of Rebecca Gilman's *Spinning Into Butter*.

across as the overly-intellectual and sometimes bumbling art professor. India Simerson clearly portrays the appearance-oriented Dean of Student Affairs Catherine Kenney and Christian

Ashlar's Dean Burton Strauss drips with upper-class condescension. Jay Campbell gives us the dopey yet charmingly wise security guard Mr. Meyers, Chris James provides the frustrated role of the "New Yorican" Patrick Chibas and Brendan Lambert plays the fra-

ternity boy, future law student and college senior Greg Sullivan.

What makes this play special isn't that it deals with the difficult subject of racism, but how it deals with it. The plot revolves

loosely around a terrible, ongoing, racial incident in the dorms involving a black student. As the incidents increase in severity and bru-

tility, these characters are forced, in one way or another, to face the realities of racism. Some find it within themselves, some look for ways to cover it up, and all look

for their own ways, private and personal, to deal with it.

The results are more complicated than the problems they began with.

The administration of Belmont could be any all-white administration around the country, and the feelings of guilt, anger, denial and fear represent the feelings of people everywhere, whatever color they happen to be.

Complete with bulleted lists to solve racism, open forums attended only by white students to discuss 'diversity,' loudmouth professors that spend more time defending themselves than leading discussion, and ignored minority students along with blamed white students, *Spinning Into Butter* sheds light on the issue from so many angles that you can't walk away with any simple answer. You might, however, walk away thinking about an issue that is so often ignored for the sake of tranquility.

"People ignore substance for appearance," says Simerson, "and I think that a lot of people say that if it looks OK, we accept it as OK and don't bother to look deeper into the problem."

"Certain phrases, force us, as a society, to focus on the things that divide us," says Christian Ashlar. "Until we begin to see everyone as 'human beings,' there will be a need for plays like this."

Spinning Into Butter will be showing at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for everyone else.

Southern (K)nights features *Slingblade*

Sara Beaver
Staff Writer

The UC Watkins Auditorium was the place to be last night when the English Society showed *Sling Blade*, its second movie in the film series "Southern (K)nights."

Billy Bob Thornton, widely known for his unique and stunning accent in this movie, was successful with *Sling Blade* when he wrote and directed it mainly because he knows how to create suspense and interesting characters.

Thornton plays Karl Childers, who has just been released from a mental hospital after spending 25 years there, as a result of using a sling blade to kill his mother and her "boyfriend."

Karl seems innocent and many in his home town believe him to be harmless because he is slow of speech and thought. Karl soon gets a job and begins living with the Wheatleys, a boy Frank and his mother Linda. Frank, not having a father figure in his life, immediately takes a liking to Karl. When Karl moves into the Wheatleys' garage, we meet Doyle, Lind's boyfriend, who is a drunk, abuser and bigot. Doyle fails to learn Karl's history.

As director and actor, Thornton is nothing less than



Photo courtesy of msu.edu

brilliant at building the suspense of when Karl will strike again. You just know its coming to Doyle sooner or later because of his outrageous acts.

Also by the way Doyle acts, the viewer gets a feeling of wanting revenge on Doyle, especially when Doyle continually threatens to murder Linda and her son Frank.

The touching compassion Karl has for Frank and his mother redeems him of his eventual killing of Doyle, because Doyle definitely deserved what was coming to him.

All in all I give the movie five stars. Billy Bob Thornton knows how to create the mood of anticipation through the simple character of Karl, as well as his fascinating voice and accent.

Block party set to collect canned foods for WE CARE

Emily Vick
Interfaith Correspondent

It's once again time for the Interfaith Block Party for WE CARE Ministries. This is the ninth year for the Block Party.

This year, the Block Party will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, on the UC Patio facing the library.

This event is sponsored by the Interfaith Student Center to help collect canned food items for WE CARE's food pantry, which can become quite bare as the winter season approaches.

WE CARE Ministries of Martin is supported by a cooperation of different Weakley County churches who come together to meet the various needs of families in the Martin area.

WE CARE provides a thrift store, utility assistance, burn-out kits and food pantry for these families.

In the past eight years, the Block Party has collected well over 30,000 pounds of food to help fill up WE CARE's food pantry.

Last year, eight organizations brought in a total of 4,727 pounds of canned goods to the Block Party.

The event is set up so that there are three

divisions: fraternity, sorority and open. The entries will be judged on the total weight of the donated food.

Trophies will be awarded in each category, and the winners will be announced and trophies will be handed out at the Nov. 13 UTM game against Murray State.

Registration packets can be found at the Information Desk in the UC, the Office of Student Affairs or the Interfaith Center, located at 312 Lovelace Ave.

All groups and organizations on campus are encouraged to take part in the Block Party to help show the families of Weakley County that UTM is still the campus that cares.

What's happening in Tennessee?

OCTOBER

10- Snap ya neck noddin along with Busta Rhymes: Busta blows into Nashville at the Vanderbilt University Memorial Gymnasium as part of Vandy's Homecoming. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com.

11- Show your Predator Pride! The Predators take on the Dallas Stars at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville; tickets range from \$10-\$95.

12- Titans Fever heats up in Nashville, as the Titans take on the Houston Texans. The game starts at noon at The Coliseum. Ticket prices start at \$17 and go up to \$255.

12- Bodacious Battle of the Bands - featuring R&B stars Ginuwine and Tyrese, the Battle will start at 4 p.m. at the Liberty Bowl Stadium in Memphis. Tickets are \$18 and are available from Ticketmaster.

13- Juggalos mount up and ride to Nashville's Municipal Auditorium for the Insane Clown Posse. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$20 at Ticketmaster.com.

What to do in Martin ...

Friday

- Free movie! SAC will be showing *2 Fast 2 Furious* at 10 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium.
- Drop into the Cine' and see one of their new releases!

Saturday

- Check out *Spinning Into Butter*, beginning Thursday and playing through Sunday; tickets are \$5 for students. The play discusses the hushed issues of racism and prejudice.

Sunday

- Attend the religious service of your choice

Monday

- Academic Speaker Robert Zubrin will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. His presentation is titled "The Case for Mars: The Plan to Settle the Red Planet and Why We Must." He is the president of the International Mars Society.

Wednesday

- Residence halls will close at 6 p.m. Have a safe trip home.

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All movies are free and
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Cafe House rocks Gameroom

Emily Vick
Features Editor

Although there were only a few people brave enough to get up on stage, there was a lot of talent at Wednesday night's Café House Open Mic Night and Karaoke in the UC Gameroom.

The first performer was the SAC Café House chairman, Jared Powelson, who warned the crowd that he would "suck more than usual" because he had a cold.

Powelson's first three songs were all original songs that he wrote. These included *Helpless* and *Casualties*, which was about his ex-girlfriend, a.k.a. The Devil. The song was written while he was watching Pink Floyd's *The Wall*, and it discusses the fighting that can sometimes go on in relationships.

In response to Powelson's call for requests, several people in the audience called for Weezer's *Say It Ain't So*. Once Powelson got started, the crowd began to sing along. He then proceeded to play parts of seven different songs that all had the same tune.

These included Matchbox Twenty's *Real World*, Guns N' Roses' *Every Rose Has Its Thorn*, Third Eye Blind's *Semi-Charmed Life*, Lord I Lift Your Name on High, and the Steve Miller Band's *Joker*.

He said that there were 20 more songs that have this same tune.

Then, just because he's always wanted to be an emcee so he could curse, he played several different rap songs to the same tune.

Powelson sang several other songs, and he finished his set with a song that he wrote called *Audrey's Song*.

The karaoke began with Powelson singing *1979* by the Smashing Pumpkins. Next were Sheena Hickerson and Jessie Pace, who sang Tracy Chapman's *Give Me One Reason*.

Jason Orr was the next performer. He did a set of stand-up comedy that included jokes about the campus revolving around the Skyhawk card and bad credit.

Pace was the next on stage with her rendition of Alicia Key's *Fallin'*, and then came Powelson singing *Hashpipe* by Weezer.

Glenda Mash sang Shania Twain's *From This Moment On*. Powelson and Pace went on to sing *The Time of My Life* from *Dirty Dancing*. They also sang *Hold On Loosely* by .38 Special. The pair teamed up with Hickerson for *Tearin' Up My Heart* by N'Sync.

Kenya Boyer was next with her cover of Brandy's *Have You Ever*. Mash finished the night with *The Rose* from Bette Midler.

There were only about 15 people in attendance at Café House.



EMILY VICK / The Pacer

Jessie Pace wows the crowd with her karaoke skills.

And although there weren't a lot of people there, the ones who did show up had a lot of fun.

The next SAC event will be comedian/hypnotist Dell K. at 9:09 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in Watkins. The next Café House event will be a Poetry Slam in the Gameroom. This is the first event in a Café House week that will also have a ping-pong tournament, an Open Mic night and Pink Floyd's *The Wizard of Oz*.

Check out the Good Times calendar for more information.

OutKast thinks out of the *Boxxx*

Chris West
Asst. Features Editor

Call them psychedelic funkdaified rap moguls. Or call them amazing artists that have done more than anyone else to progress hip-hop musically. Either way, the duo Big Boi and Andre 3000, commonly known as OutKast, have created commercial and critical successes.

The 1994 album *Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik* turned the hip-hop world on its ear and their sophomore release, 1999's *ATLiens* was well received, turning out the hit single *Elevators*.

Rolling Stone magazine called OutKast's 1998 album *Aquemini* an "aquatic-funk attack masterpiece." Next in the big book of OutKast came 2000's *Stankonia* which banged out massive hits *B.O.B.*, *Mrs. Jackson* and *So Fresh, So Clean*. With their fifth album, OutKast is looking to recreate their past successes.

By all accounts, they are doing just that. Billboard sales figures place OutKast at the top of the chart for two weeks running, selling another 234,000 units of their two-CD set *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*.

The double-album is a marvel.



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

The first half of the double set, *Speakerboxxx*, features Big Boi on the album cover decked out in a throwback Cubs jersey. From the outset of the album booming bass lines herald the coming of the first song, a warp-speed lick called *Ghetto Music* that blasts along at such a pace that the song flips into an old-school R&B hook for the chorus to slow it down before launching back into 140 BPM sonic techhno-beats.

The rest of *Speakerboxxx* follows suite beautifully, as each subsequent track blazes along. Notable highlights on the journey through some of the fattest beats this side of the Mason-Dixon include the current single *The Way You Move*, (one of two current OutKast singles on the radio) *Bust* and *Flip Flop Rock* fea-

turing Killer Mike, and what is being lauded as the breakout hit of the mix, *Tomb of the Boom*, which features rapper Ludacris.

As fans of OutKast bounce to the sounds of the *Boxxx*, the yin to Big Boi's yang is Andre 3000's *The Love Below*. The second half of the set was originally intended as a concept album for a movie that Andre was writing.

At times *The Love Below* feels like psychedelic Barry White on *Viagra*, but on other songs the Southern comes out in the beats, and there's no stopping it. Each of the songs have a different feel, and the album's current single *Hey Ya* is reminiscent of a folk-rock song rapped over booming beats. The tracks to watch are *Happy Valentine's Day*, *She Lives in My Lap*, (which 3000 noted meant his lady was sitting on his lap relaxing, as well as serving the obvious entendra) and *Take Off Your Cool*.

Big Boi and Andre 3000 have messed with the mixture once more, adding double the potency to the brew of *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below* and created yet another masterpiece to add to their collection of hit albums, and shown their love for being different while still bringing the same love they began with, now matured, to the game.

Looking for the ultimate Fall Break destinations? Check out top 10 list of places to visit Oct. 16-19

Michelle Haynes
Staff Writer

Fall break is approaching and for those who do not know it is next Thursday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 19.

With luck (and funds), you are thinking of places that you would like to go for the break. Well, think no more. Here's a top 10 list of places to go.

10. Home is a good place to go for those who need money, to wash their clothes, work or just enjoy being with their family.

9. Atlanta is filled with fun and excitement. There are so many shopping malls for shopaholics. The Falcons have a game at 1

p.m. Sunday against the New Orleans Saints for those who like football. The Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site, Centennial Olympic Park and the World of Coca-Cola are great attractions as well.

8. Orlando is great because, even though it is fall, the temperature there is still warm. The beach is always a great place to go and relax. The city also is home to Disney World, MGM Studio and Universal Studios, where you can act like a kid again.

7. Gatlinburg is so beautiful this time of year. You can visit the various shops. Senior Nicole Draper said, "I love Gatlinburg because of the white-water rafting. It is so much fun." While you

are there, rent a cabin in the mountains and relax.

6. New York has a gigantic selection of places to shop. Junior Tara Harris said that she would "shop until she dropped." Do not forget to visit the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and Times Square.

5. Las Vegas is the place for those who are 21 and over because the casinos are going to be live and jumping. For those not interested in the casinos, check out the All-American Sportspark. It has go-karts, miniature golf, arcades, batting cages and indoor skydiving.

4. Chattanooga is filled with marvelous scenery. There are a huge variety of shops, the

Tennessee Aquarium, which is the largest in the state, and a great IMAX theater.

3. Hot Springs is a romantic getaway for those who would like to venture with their significant others.

2. St. Louis offers the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour, the Arch, which is the tallest man-made monument, and Union Station, the world's largest train-station-turned-mall.

1. New Orleans has the French Quarter; no more needs to be said.

For more information about places to visit, check www.travelocity.com or www.orbitz.com.

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Volleyball team finishes week 1-2

Playing in front of the largest home crowd in school history, the UTM volleyball team lost its fourth consecutive OVC volleyball match of the season, 3-1 to Jacksonville State last Friday.

Jacksonville State won game one 30-20 and game two 30-26. The Skyhawks won game three 30-23. Jacksonville won the match with a 30-25 win in game four. More than 2,200 fans turned out for the game played in the Elam Center before the annual homecoming pyramid contest.

The Skyhawks dedicated the match to junior Leigh Reiniche and her mother, Marsha. Mrs. Reiniche has been battling cancer.

“We didn’t dedicate a win to her, but we dedicat-ed our effort to her,” said Skyhawk head coach Chris Rushing. “We wanted to focus our effort and energy in a positive way.”

Junior Leigh Reiniche started and played the match with a stress fracture in her left leg. She had 17 kills and 14 digs in the match and led the Skyhawks with a .244 hitting percentage.

Senior Jamie Fitzwater also had a double-double with 14 kills and 10 digs. She hit .178.

Reiniche led the Skyhawks in the first game with six kills, six digs and a .333 hitting percentage.

Jacksonville State turned in a .278 hitting percent-age and never trailed in the game. The Skyhawks cut Jacksonville State’s lead to two several times in the game, but never could tie the game or take the lead.

Jacksonville was consistent in the second game posting a .277 hitting percentage, while the Skyhawks improved from their first game with a .152 hitting mark.

Jacksonville State had 22 kills in the game, while the Skyhawks had 10. The game was tied twice at 21-all and 22-all. The Skyhawks led once, 23-22, on a kill by Fitzwater.

The Skyhawks rallied in the fourth game, but Jacksonville State was able to hold on for the win. In the final game, Jacksonville State racked up 18 kills and hit .275 compared to the Skyhawks .081.

On Saturday afternoon, Rushing’s Skyhawks turned in a .413 hitting percentage in the Elam Center against visiting Samford University.

That tell-all stat translated into a 3-0 win for the Skyhawks over OVC newcomer Samford. The OVC victory was the first of the season in five matches for the Skyhawks.

The hitting percentage also turned out to be the second highest mark ever hit in an OVC match by the Skyhawks, and their fourth highest hitting per-centage in all matches.

The Skyhawks beat Samford in game one, 30-20. The team hit .481 and racked up 16 kills. Samford’s hitting percentage was .15.

The Skyhawks claimed a 30-19 win in game two. The hitting percentage dipped to .350, but the team still recorded 18 kills. Samford improved its hitting mark to .158.

In the final game, the Skyhawks hit .432 with 18 kills, while Samford hit .250 with 14 kills.

Junior setter Maribeth Hanneman turned in the best hitting percentage at .600, while Leigh Reiniche recorded a double-double with 14 kills and 12 digs. Reiniche hit .429 in the match.

Senior Jamie Fitzwater hit .480 in the match with 14 kills and five digs.

Tuesday’s match proved to be too much for the UTM volleyball team. They got off to a scorching start, hitting .500 and winning game one 30-19, but faded quickly to drop the final three games 17-30, 21-30, and 25-30, and fall to Southern Illinois 3-1.

The Skyhawks, 3-17 (1-4), got off to a great start in game one, getting 15 kills on 28 total attacks, with only one error, and recording a .500 hitting per-centage.

“When you hit like that, it is hard to be beat,” said head coach Chris Rushing. “We’ve just got to figure out how to keep it up for an entire match.”

Keeping the hitting percentage up was definitely a problem for UTM in the final three games. They dropped to .081 in game two, and .000 in game there before getting back up to .170 in game four.

Heather Kea and Leigh Reiniche led the Skyhawks on the night, both recording near double-doubles, with 9 kills and 18 digs and 13 kills and 9 digs respectively. Maribeth Hanneman added 35 assists.



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Skyhawk Kim Tipton dives for the ball during last Friday’s game against Jacksonville State. The turnout for the game, which was prior to pyramid, was the largest home crowd in school history.

Rodeo team ‘bucks’ to third place

The UTM rodeo team finished third with 215 points in last weekend’s Southern Arkansas University (SAU) rodeo in Magnolia.

Southern Arkansas won the men’s team title at the rodeo, while the University of West Alabama (UWAL) was second.

“This is the first time since 1997 that someone other than UWAL, Missouri Valley or us has won a men’s rodeo,” said UTM head rodeo coach John Luthi. “That shows how competitive this region is going to be. We have to look at this as just one of 10 rodeos.”

Luthi’s team enjoyed some success at SAU’s rodeo, but the effort was more pleasing than the results.

“We had a great effort, so that’s not the fault of any one person,” Luthi said. “This was like any other rodeo, some things went well and we wish others would have gone better.”

In the bareback riding the cowboys dominated for a second weekend in a row.

In the first-go, Josh Shackelford split first place with a 76-point ride. Scotty NeSmith won third with a 74-point rid, and Whit Ashe took third place with a 67-point ride. In the second-go, NeSmith made an 80-point ride to take home first in the round and in the average. He was followed closely behind by

Shackelford in second place in the second-go and in the average. Ashe won third in the average.

“Bareback is one of our mainstay events where we have been able to score points,” Luthi said. “It has allowed us to be consistent.”

In the team roping Randall Gillespie and partner Bradley Hobbs from Murray State University roped their steers to win the event. The team won first place in the short-go with a 7.1 second run. In the average, the team finished with 14 seconds flat on two steers, 6.2 seconds of a lead over the compet-ing teams.

The women’s team finished the weekend in fifth place with only 20 points.

Lyndsie Brower brought home the only points for the women’s team in the goat tying. Brower tied her goat in 9.3 seconds in the short-go to win fourth place. She finished fourth in the average with a combined time of 19.5 seconds.

The team will travel to Troy State University in Troy, Ala., this weekend to compete in the third Ozark Region rodeo of the spring season.

“This might be the toughest part of our season,” Luthi said. “We have six rodeos this fall and three in a row right here with midterms. That makes it extremely tough for everyone involved.”

Intramural football standings set

Brandon Cross
Staff Writer

The intramural flag football season has already proven itself to be exciting and dramatic, with an extremely high level of com-petition amongst the nearly 50 teams participating.

With only a few weeks left in the season, teams are stepping up and pushing for a strong finish and for some momentum going into the tournament. There are still a lot of regular season games to be played.

As some teams are seeing their season slowly winding down, others are just beginning, with only a game or two under their belts.

“This is some of the best com-petition I’ve ever seen,” said Jeff Joslin, a senior marketing major from Kalkaska, Mich. “Two of our games have already come to last-second drives that decided the outcome of the game. It’s an

adrenaline rush every time that happens.”

While extremely close games have become a common sight at the intramural fields, the competi-tion in some divisions has proven to be greatly staggered. Several teams have been cruising their schedule, blowing teams out along the way. There are plenty of great games in the making, featur-ing undefeated teams going head to head.

The fraternity league contains three undefeated teams: Pike, KA and ATO. When these teams square off against one another, it is undoubtedly going to be an exciting and hard-fought football exhibition, of which only one team can emerge victorious.

The Elite 8 Division of the Claw League has proven to be a great match-up of teams with rel-atively similar skill levels.

As of Wednesday, the Ballers are leading the division with an undefeated record, while LAGNAF and PGMF are tied

for second.

The Pac 9 Division of the Claw League also features great com-petition with the Trojans sitting atop the division with an unde-feated record.

The men’s Talon League fea-tures 3-0 N.O. team, 3-0 LBOB team and 2-0 Untouchables team. With three undefeated teams, things are sure to heat up some-time in the near future.

In the Ladies Talon League, Risky Business has been taking care of business, allowing no points to be scored on them all season long. Chi Omega is in sec-ond place with their only loss coming at the hands of Risky Business.

The Jack and Jill League is still up for grabs with several teams competing for the top spot. There have been several default-ed games, but the Omegas, Pikes and Baptist Collegiate Ministries seem to be struggling for the top seed.

The Skyhawks, who finished third this past season in the conference standings and advanced to the post-season for the second straight year, were one of four OVC schools honored.

Indiana State was the top team, with a 3.466 GPA, with Seton Hall second at 3.461.

Fellow OVC members Southeast Missouri State and Morehead State were third and fourth respec-tively with 3.458 and 3.446 team GPAs.

Eastern Kentucky, another OVC school, ranked 15th, just ahead of UTM, with a 3.307 team GPA.

Soccer battles to tie, two losses

The UTM soccer team battled to a tie and two losses this week in play.

UTM and OVC newcomer Jacksonville State battled to a scoreless tie after two overtime periods.

Skyhawk goalkeeper Megan Dempsey played 110 minutes and made 14 saves in the match, including one in the final over-time period.

Jacksonville State goalkeeper Amanda Stephens also played 110 minutes. She finished with three saves as host Jacksonville State out shot the Skyhawks 26-4.

Ginger Schmitt, Kindal Keim, Lauren Greco and Joanna Gomez had the four shots for the Skyhawks.

The soccer team then turned around and suffered its first OVC loss of the 2003 season Sunday afternoon in Birmingham, Ala. Samford University defeated the Skyhawks 1-0 in overtime.

The overtime match against Samford was the second consec-utive one for the Skyhawks who

battled Jacksonville State to a scoreless, double overtime tie Friday night.

The Bulldogs out shot UTM 17-6, as Samford’s Marian Wagner netted the game-winning goal with only three minutes left in the 10-minute overtime period. Kim Matthews earned the assist.

The Skyhawks’ six shots were taken by sophomores Katie Jackson, Katie Hausauer (2), Dani Myrick (2) and freshman Kindal Keim.

Goalkeeper Megan Dempsey had six saves, earning 20 saves for the weekend. Dempsey played 110 minutes in goal in the match against Samford.

In Wednesday’s contest against the University of Memphis, UTM fell short as the Lady Tigers gained a 3-1 victory over the Skyhawks.

The Skyhawks held Memphis scoreless throughout most of the first half, allowing only one goal. Memphis’ Annika Moller scored the first goal of the game 30 min-utes into the first half. She was

assisted by Yuiko Konno.

The Lady Tigers scored again, only eight minutes after the break. Konno was unassisted in the goal.

Late in the second half, sopho-more Katie Jackson offered some hope for the Skyhawks, netting their first goal of the game with 26 minutes left in the contest. Jackson rebounded the ball off the goalkeeper, scoring the goal unassisted. This was Jackson’s 10th goal of the season.

With only two minutes left in the game, Memphis’ Kirsty Marr offered her team some insurance, making the score 3-1. Leanne McGee assisted Marr in the play.

The Skyhawks are now 5-4-2 in the regular season. They will take on the Murray State Racers at 4 p.m., Sunday at Skyhawk Field for their third OVC match of the season.

The Skyhawks are 0-1-1 in OVC play.



UT Martin Sports Schedule

Oct. 10 - 23

Friday, Oct. 10
• Volleyball @ Tennessee State, 7 p.m.
• Women’s Tennis @ MTSU Tournament (Fri-Sun)

Saturday, Oct. 11
• Cross Country in UTM Invitational, 10 a.m.
• Football @ Jacksonville State, 4 p.m.
• Rifle @ Ole Miss

Sunday, Oct. 12
• Baseball Blue/Orange Finale, 1 p.m.
• Soccer vs. Murray, 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13
• Golf @ Ironhorse Intercollegiate, Eastern Illinois (Mon-Tues)

Tuesday, Oct. 14
• Soccer @Lipscomb University

Thursday, Oct. 16
• Men’s Tennis @ Rolex Regional, Memphis (Thurs-Sun)

Friday, Oct. 17
• Soccer vs. SEMO, 3 p.m.
• Volleyball vs. Morehead, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
• Volleyball vs. Eastern Kentucky, 12 p.m.
• Football vs. Samford, 4 p.m.
• Cross Country @ Evansville Invitational

Sunday, Oct. 19
• Soccer vs.EIU, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20
• Golf @ SMS Fall Invitational, Southwest Missouri State (Mon-Tues)

Thursday, Oct. 23
• Rodeo @ Univ of West Alabama, Livingston, Ala.
• Women’s Tennis @ Rolex Regional, Winston Salem



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Senior offensive lineman Lee Lawrence celebrates with Coach Griffin after Saturday's victory. Teammates and coaches have shared good times and bad this season.

Football: Continued from the Cover

Skyhawks began. Sophomore quarterback Brady Wahlberg started a drive that consisted of eight first downs and ended with a touchdown by Staten and a successful two point conversion by sophomore wide receiver Orenthe Taylor, bringing the score to 23-15.

The Golden Eagles were unable to make any progress on their next drive, only having three plays for a loss of one yard.

With 3:26 left in regulation, Wahlberg launched an impressive 78-yard drive with nine first downs and eight complete passes, including one to Taylor for the touchdown. After another two-point conversion, the score was tied at 23-23, sending the game into overtime.

Tennessee Tech won the coin toss and opted to play defense first, giving Wahlberg the ball on the 25-yard line. He completed a four-yard pass to Andrew Staten and then, on the next play, rushed 21 yards for the touchdown. The extra point attempt was good, giving the Skyhawks their first lead of the day at 23-30.

On the next drive, the Skyhawk defense kept the Eagles from scoring, with three sacks by sophomore defensive end Andre Plummer, sophomore defensive tackle Joseph Threats and freshman linebacker John Castillo. The game ended when Tech quarterback Mohn threw an incomplete pass to wide out Lee, who was tackled by Skyhawk cornerback Jason Coleman.

"I don't know what to say," said junior defensive tackle Phillip Ezell. "We played our hearts out and knew we had to stop them in overtime to get the win. That's what we went out there and did."

Men's tennis team nets one win, has good showing at Invitational

The UTM men's tennis team competed in the Louisville Invitational this past weekend in Louisville, Ky.

Six Skyhawks finished in the top eight, with one finishing in the top four.

"Our guys did better than I had expected," said Dennis Taylor, UTM's head tennis coach.

"They always play well in this tournament, and they did a good job again this weekend."

Sophomore Danny Maguire finished in the top four of the B Flight. Maguire defeated Mark Muskiewicz of Bradley, Tomas Gonzalez of Southern Illinois and Justin Junck of Nebraska.

Toledo's Freddy Gomez ended Maguire's shot at the title in the semifinals. Gomez won the flight when he defeated Nebraska's Jose Rivera.

"Danny played like an upper-classman," Taylor said, "he

Leading the defense was John Castillo with 10 tackles, including one sack for eight yards. Freshman cornerback Rayvon Sims also had nine tackles and sophomore cornerback Russell Gambrell had nine tackles including one sack for 11 yards. Andre Plummer had the most sacks on the day with four for a total loss of 18 yards and six other tackles during the game.

Quarterback Brady Wahlberg had a stellar performance, coming off his absence after an injury during the first game of the season sidelined him for four games. Wahlberg racked up 288 total yards on the day, with 100 of them rushing. He received the OVC Player of the Week award, was honored as the national I-AA offensive player of the week by The Sports Network, the division's most widely recognized information service, and was named one of four NCAA I-AA National Offensive Players of the Week by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Because of the magnitude of the Skyhawks' victory on Saturday, the UTM homecoming game against Tennessee Tech was named the College Sporting News I-AA Milestone

Game of the Week.

The Skyhawks improved their record to 2-4 for the season, with their next match-up coming Saturday, Oct. 11 against Jacksonville State. This game will be the first time the two teams have met each other in 12 years, with the Gamecocks leading the series all-time series, 20-4. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Paul Snow Memorial Stadium in Jacksonville, Ala.

"We played our hearts out and knew we had to stop them in overtime to get the win. That's what we went out there and did."

- Phillip Ezell, Junior Defensive Tackle

GPA ruling for IFC intramural sports set

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) recently made a decision that dramatically impacts the world of fraternity intramural sports.

The IFC voted to install a new Constitution, in which at least one major by-law was amended.

The old Constitution stated that in order for a member of a fraternity to participate in intramural sports, the student "must have a 2.0 or higher GPA and also have a 2.0 or higher GPA from the previous semester."

However, it was agreed upon by previous IFC members that a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher would be sufficient, regardless of the GPA of the previous semester. Anyone that had a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher could participate in intramural sports.

The current members of the IFC, voted 12-2 to reconsider the enforcement, or lack thereof, of the present rule. This vote, which took place on Sept. 2, meant that members of the IFC would have one week to ponder the amendment, and then cast their vote one way or the other.

The IFC then voted to enforce the rule, requiring all IFC members participating in Campus Recreation Sports at UTM to have both an overall 2.0 GPA and a 2.0 GPA from the previous semester. There was a motion on Sept. 16 to repeal the judgment, but the motion failed 8-6.

"The argument for the by-law is that we, as Greeks, should set high standards for the rest of the campus. The IFC felt that this rule change would be beneficial to the campus as a whole," said Matt Sturdivant, an IFC member from Bruceton. "Even though I personally don't agree with the new rule, I do understand the reasoning behind it. I just wish the timing would have been better."

The IFC's ruling came right in the middle of intramural soccer season. This had a dramatic impact on several of the top teams by suddenly making many of the team's key players, who had played throughout the entire season, ineligible to play because of grades. While some teams suffered more than others, every fraternity felt the impact of this decision in some way or another.

"The rule change came as a shock to everyone involved in intramural sports," said Will Cherry, a senior business management major from Franklin.

"It ruined teams' chemistry because it forced teams that had been playing together for years to suddenly try to find other players to fill in for the experienced players that were lost to the rule change. The IFC should have either made the rule change before intramurals got started, or they should have waited until the end of the semester. The timing couldn't have been any worse."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Cross country scores big at Tenn. Tech. Invitational

The UTM men and women's cross-country runners scored big in last Friday's Tennessee Tech Invitational in Cookeville.

Jeremy Coltharp finished first in the men's 8K in the Tennessee Tech Invitational turning in a personal record time of 27:59.

Darrell Lewis also finished in the top five turning in a time of 28:14 and finishing ninth was Ryan Wilson 29:27.

"This was Jeremy's first collegiate win and I was very excited about how he ran," said Jason McKinney, the Skyhawks head cross country coach.

"Jeremy was able to push the pace. He ran like a front-runner and this performance should convince him that this was where he needs to be."

On the women's side Shalaine Phaup and Angelina Gracian finished first and second, respectfully at the Tennessee Tech Invitational.

Phaup turned in a time of 19:10 while Gracian turned in a time of 19:27. Megan Vonderheide finished 11th with a time of 22:07.

"It was a good feeling to go to a meet and have everyone finish in the top 12," McKinney said.

Soccer goalkeeper named OVC Player of the Week

UTM soccer goalkeeper Megan Dempsey received the OVC Player of the Week award for the second time this season.

Dempsey had 14 saves in last Friday's contest against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks.

The Skyhawks tied the Gamecocks 0-0 in double overtime. UTM was out shot 26-4,



Dempsey

but both teams remained scoreless. In Sunday's game, the Samford University Bulldogs defeated

UTM 1-0 in overtime. Dempsey added 6 more saves, earning a total of 20 saves on the weekend.

Dempsey is a sophomore out of Columbia, Tenn.

In the 2002 season, Dempsey finished with 18 saves and saw action in nine games as goalkeeper.

UTM to host cross country meet tomorrow morning

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host the Skyhawk Cross Country Invitational tomorrow.

The women's 5K starts at 10 a.m., while the men's 8K gets under way at 10:30 a.m.

The men's 8K race will include UTM, Evansville, Arkansas State, Tennessee Tech, Christian Brothers, Mid-Continent College, Lambuth, Union and Fisk.

Competing in the women's 5K race will be UTM, Evansville,

Arkansas State, Tennessee Tech, Union, Fisk and Lambuth.

"We think the field in both races is very close," said Jason McKinney, UTM's cross country coach. "There is not a favorite, but we anticipate a very competitive field."

The meet will start behind the Elam Center by the track and circle around the soccer fields and the fitness trail, McKinney said.

The men will make two loops

around the course, while the women run one and a quarter loops.

"This is going to be a challenging course, but it provides the runners with good footing," McKinney said.

"It's going to be a fast course and it allows spectators several good places to watch."

Results from the meet will be available Monday at www.utm-sports.com.

Skyhawks quarterback recognized with three awards

UTM's sophomore quarterback was named the OVC's Offensive Player of the Week.

Wahlberg was also honored as the national I-AA offensive player of the week by The Sports Network, the division's most widely recognized information service, and was one of four NCAA I-AA National Offensive Players of the Week by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Wahlberg, a 6-0, 185-pounder from Lynn Haven, Fla., helped lead the Skyhawks to a 30-23 overtime victory over Tennessee Tech Saturday afternoon.

Wahlberg helped the Skyhawks



Wahlberg

snap the Skyhawk streak of 43 consecutive losses in Ohio Valley Conference play, a skid that dated back to a win over Southeast Missouri on Nov. 2, 1996.

In his first game back since the Skyhawks' season opener against Austin Peay, Wahlberg rushed 19 times for 100 yards and a touchdown. He completed 22 of 35 passes for 188 yards. He also

scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime on a 21-yard run.

The sophomore quarterback rallied the Skyhawks from 16 points down in the fourth quarter, with his two-yard pass to Orentheus Taylor with 29 seconds remaining helping to provide the tying margin.

Wahlberg's heroic effort came after he missed the past four games with injury.

The UTM homecoming game against Tennessee Tech was named the College Sporting News I-AA Milestone Game of the Week.

UTM softball team wins one, drops two in Fall Classic

The UTM's softball team finished with a 1-2 record in the Skyhawk Fall Classic last Saturday at the Martin Recreation Complex.

The Skyhawks played back to back games against John A. Logan College (JAL), Jackson State Community College and Dyersburg State Community College.

John A. Logan defeated UTM in the opening game of the tournament.

The Skyhawks trailed 3-1 going into the fifth inning where they rallied to pull ahead 4-3. It wasn't enough to win the game as JAL scored six more runs in the next two innings, winning the game 9-4.

UTM faced Jackson State in the second game of the classic and suffered a 4-2 loss. The Skyhawks tied the game at 2-2 going into the third inning, but Jackson State scored two more runs, one

each in the third and sixth innings.

The Skyhawks closed out the classic with an 8-0 win over Dyersburg State. UTM pitcher, Nicole Davis, had four strikeouts. Skyhawk catcher Jaclyn Brown added a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

The Skyhawk Fall Classic marks the end of fall practice for the Skyhawks until this spring when the regular season begins.

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Weakley County student wins Maloan award

Erika Jacobsen
Staff writer

Travis Reaves, a sophomore accounting major from Sharon, received the fall 2003 Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award during intermission at the pyramid contest on Friday, Oct. 3.

Reaves has worked as a student assistant in the Office of Sports Information at UTM for two years. He serves as statistician for all 14 sports, trains and supervises six other student employees on the stats crew and supervises students producing the university's media guides, as well as serving as the primary student assistant for game setups.

On top of all of this, he also serves as primary caller for football and basketball games. He also provides data entry and leadership on media guides



Travis Reaves

and keeps score for baseball and softball.

With his exceptional time management abilities and accuracy with numbers, Reaves has streamlined the stats crews and has assisted in departmental budget savings.

His excellence in decision-making, combined with his strong work ethic and dependability, has added to the overall visibility of Sports Information and made it a more campus-oriented department.

"Travis is like having a full-time assistant sports information director," says his direct supervisor, Sports Information director Joe Lofaro. Reaves manages to do all of his work and keep up with his

academics with a grade point average of 3.13.

Every spring and fall semester, the Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award is given in her memory to a student who exhibits excellence in academic performance and who demonstrates a strong work ethic and a commitment to the university.

Before her death, Beth Maloan was the UTM director of budgeting and payroll and a strong advocate for student employment. This award endorses Maloan's vision to recognize outstanding student performance and develop more challenging employment opportunities.

Nancy Bacon, director of Budget and Management, leads the selection process to decide who is eligible for this award every year and why. "One of the most important things that we look at is the amount of responsibility and, according to

his supervisor, Travis apparently has quite a lot of responsibility in his position," she said.

On hand to give the award were Jennifer Maloan Stroh, Maloan's daughter, Chancellor Mike Maloan, her husband, and Michelle Maloan Starr, her niece.

After receiving the award, Reaves said, "I am deeply honored, privileged and humbled to receive such a great award when there are so many other students out there who work just as hard if not harder.

"Mrs. Maloan was a great person to share this vision of hers with everyone else and it is through her vision that student employees at UT Martin continue to work their hardest to make the university a better place."

Each award winner receives a \$150 cash award and a plaque to recognize his or her student employment.

NEWS BRIEFLY

ZTA sponsors Walk for Cure

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha are hosting their annual Walk for the Cure at 8 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 11, outside the library at the UC plaza.

This event raises thousands of dollars every year that are given directly to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The walk will start at the library and continue to downtown Martin. Rides will be provided on the way back if necessary. Refreshments will be provided, testaments given by people who have been touched by breast cancer, and door prizes will be given away as those participating reach downtown.

Locks of Love is another foundation that will be benefiting from this event. Locks of Love collects real hair and makes wigs for patients who have gone through chemotherapy and have lost their own. Olympus hair studio will be giving free hair cuts and styling to those willing to cut 6 inches of hair off. Anyone can donate; just be there.

Tickets for the Walk for the Cure can be purchased for \$5 from any member of Zeta Tau Alpha or by calling Sarah Beth at 587-2114. Donations would also be appreciated.

Mars speaker up next in Academic series

International Mars Society president and Pioneer Astronautics founder Robert Zubrin will speak to UTM students and the Martin community at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in the Watkins Auditorium in the UC as part of the ongoing Academic Speaker Series.

The IMS is an organization dedicated to achieving human missions to Mars and settlement of the planet.

Zubrin will be presenting a detailed plan for sending humans to Mars within 12 years using present technology to reach the planet, develop fuel and oxygen resources, build bases and settlements, and terraform Mars to permit sustainable life.

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be at Oct. 18 game

WLJT-TV, Channel 11, will participate in UTM's "Youth Football Day" at the Saturday, Oct. 18, Skyhawks game with an appearance by the popular PBS children's character, Clifford the Big Red Dog.

The first 200 children through the gate will receive a free Clifford book. All youth football players and cheerleaders will be admitted to the game

Player: *Continued from Cover*

Hall suffered a shoulder injury during UTM's Sept. 20 loss at Western Illinois. Before the injury, Hall had started three games for the Skyhawks, averaging a 53.2 percent completion rate for just 420 yards. He passed for two touchdowns along with two interceptions and rushed -0.4 yards per down.

The injury put Hall out for the rest of the 2003 football season, but his academic future as a result of the alcohol charges has yet to be determined.

The UTM Standards of Conduct for 2003 -2004 explicitly states that the types of misconduct for which students are subject to disciplinary measures are: "unlawful use ... of drugs or alcohol on university property or during university activities," and "possession, use of/being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs on university-owned or controlled property ..."

The conduct guide also states that "failure or refusal to comply with the rules and policies established by the university may subject the offender to disciplinary action up to, and including, suspension from the university."

"The first step of discipline goes to the coaches in cases like this," said Phil Dane, UTM athletics director. "If the offense is habitual, then I get involved. I was made aware of the situation and left it up to Coach Matt Griffin's discretion."

Griffin ordered Hall to undergo Alcohol Awareness, set to begin on Monday. Griffin is known for his tough "three-strikes-you're-out" policy, which he has used several times in the past with

free. Accompanying parents/guardians will be admitted for \$3 each.

Clifford the Big Red Dog is one of the most popular children's programs on television today and airs each weekday at 4 p.m. on WLJT-TV, Channel 11, public television for West Tennessee. Join Clifford and his friends for more games and entertainment at www.pbs.org.

Clifford, the star of two PBS animated children's television series, emphasizes good citizenship and the importance of community. Through the character of Clifford, whose heart is as big as he is, children absorb gentle lessons about acceptance and inclusion. Clifford's "every dog" kindness has made him a beloved icon with children and parents for more than 39 years. Clifford's stories also demonstrate an important lesson for children -- that approaching the world with open hearts and minds brings many rewards.

The Skyhawk football game starts at 4 p.m. and will feature the Skyhawks playing the Samford University Bulldogs.

Oct. 22 Wednesday Forum canceled for staffing

Because of staffing changes, the Counseling Center has canceled the Wednesday Forum scheduled for Oct. 22 on "Breaking up and Surviving it." The next forum will be held at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 5, in 125 UC Cafeteria, when Dr. Andy King presents "Male Sexuality: Myth and Fact."

ZTA wins 2nd consecutive Crown Chapter Award

The Delta Mu Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha has earned the coveted Crown Chapter Award for the second year in a row.

This means the chapter is one of the top 25 Zeta chapters in the United States. Since the organization has received this honor for two consecutive years, it is in the running for the Silver Award, which would make them one of the top 10 Zeta chapters in the United States.

Criteria that must be met in order to be eligible for crown chapter includes excellence in the following areas: membership, finances, activities, programming, and fraternity operations.

To achieve this type of award takes the entire chapter and lots of hard work. President Nicole Bennington accepted the award for the chapter at Zeta National Conference in St. Louis.

his football athletes.

When asked about Hall's future with the team, Griffin was firm.

"Brett has two strikes against him," Griffin said. "One more time and Brett is gone."

The offense report also showed that UTM tennis player Eleanor Shearman was found in the car with Hall on Sunday morning. She was awakened by a UTM officer after several attempts and alcohol was detected on her breath. Shearman said she had been drinking and was also unsteady on her feet. She was then charged with public intoxication.

Shearman was sent to the Weakley County Sheriff's Office, where she paid a forfeiture of \$281.50 and was released.

"Her character will prevent this from happening again," said Dennis Taylor, UTM's head tennis coach. "Her punishment and discipline will prevent this incident from occurring once more. This will be a positive punishment in that more people will be made aware of problems with alcohol."

Shearman will be competing in the MTSU Invitational this weekend, as UTM was committed to the tournament before the arrest was made.

When asked about the student-athletes' punishments and the future of their scholarships, Dane said their cases will go to Student Affairs.

"Just because they are athletes doesn't mean they're not like other students," Dane said. "Student Affairs will also handle their discipline."

UTM chosen to participate in bioterrorism preparation

UTM will become part of a statewide initiative to prepare for bioterrorism, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is part of a national program to prepare the nation's health system in case of a bioterrorist attack or other public health emergency.

The department awarded \$26.6 million to the new program that will provide bioterrorism training nationwide. Of the total funding, UTM and several other state universities and organizations received \$1,363,747 for the first year of a two-year project designed to build upon existing educational programs.

UTM will receive about \$295,000 annually for each of the project's two years.

Besides UTM, the collaborative partners are: the UT Health Science Center in Memphis; the UT Graduate School of Medicine and College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville; the Tennessee Department of Health; and the Center for Homeland Security and Counterproliferation, a joint initiative of the University of Tennessee, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and UT-Chattanooga.

These partners form the Tennessee Integrated Training and Alert Network. TITAN represents an innovative, multiagency approach to equip this region's health-care professionals with the skills, knowledge and abilities to address deliberate or unintentional public-health emergencies.

Karen Fox, project director for the grant and assistant dean for the UT Health Science Center College of Medicine, said that the partnership with UTM will benefit many in West Tennessee.

"We are thrilled to be able to collaborate with UT Martin on this project," Fox said.

"UT Health Science Center and UT Martin have formed a formidable partnership that helps bring better access to education and health care to the population of West Tennessee. We hope that this is the first of many successful collaborations."

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